

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second and third paragraphs on page 3 with the following replacement paragraphs:

In the past, it has been common practice ~~of to~~ produce cotton shoddy or polymer-based insulation blanket by methods such as carding, garneting or using an air laid system. ~~This~~ There is a need for an improved insulation providing enhanced acoustical properties. Further there is a need for a polymer-based blanket that is produced from layers of wet process mat to a thickness and fiber formulation that yields a unique combination of properties that cannot be obtained by single, uniformly produced materials. There is also a need for a product that can be manufactured at a lower cost.

In accordance with the purposes of the present invention as described herein, an improved acoustical, compressible, polymer fiber liner/insulator is provided. The blanket is made of ~~multiple~~ multiple layers of wet process polymer based mats formed of bicomponent fiber and polymer staple fibers bonded together using heat and pressure. The liner/insulator is typically used in automotive applications such as automobile doors or automobile passenger compartments to insulate the compartments from the heat and sound. The thermal/acoustical liner may also be used in appliances such as dishwashers, heating and air conditioning units, marine applications and commercial interiors.

On page 5 please replace the second paragraph under the heading "Detailed Description And Preferred Embodiments of the Invention" with the following replacement paragraph.

The wet process which is used to make the individual layers of the liner/insulator is described in commonly assigned U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/636,078, filed August 7, 2003, which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety. ~~Fig. 3~~ Fig. 2 illustrates a typical processing line 50. A combination of polymer staple fibers 22 and the bicomponent fibers 24 are added to a whitewater chemical dispersion 52 within a mixing tank 56 to form thick whitewater slurry 54 at consistency levels of approximately 0.2 to 1 percent. The thick slurry 54 formed is maintained under agitation in a single tank 56 or series of tanks.